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JULY, 2008

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WOW! Can you believe it!! July already!



HAPPY 4TH, AND BLESS ALL OUR FORCES THAT ARE FIGHTING FOR OUR FREEDOM PRAY FOR THEM!

Next Meeting: Wednesday
July 9, 2008 at 7:30 PM

Regular Meetings are held at Beth Haven Nursing Home, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, Mo.
Enter at the main entrance; turn left through the lounge area to the elevator. Take the elevator down to the first floor, and go to your right/left around the corner, down the hall to the cafeteria.

FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2008
Hannibal, MO ARC 2008 Exam Dates

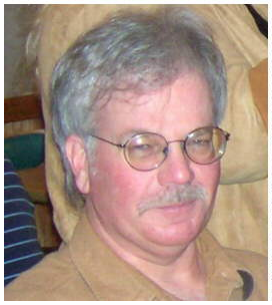
Wednesday, July 9, 2008 - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 8, 2008 - 8:30 p.m.

They will take place at 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will be at the Beth Haven Nursing Home, in the Cafeteria on the 1st (lower) Floor, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, MO. Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Cliff Ahrens K0CA at k0ca@arrl.net or 573-221-8618.

The 2008 test fee will be $14.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.



HANNIBAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES



By Fred Miller, KBØWIL

Date: June 11th, 2008
Location: Beth Haven Nursing Home 2500 Pleasant St. Hannibal Mo 63401

Meeting called to order by: Howie-KØDFW

Approval of minutes in the newsletter:
Motion to approve: Cliff-KØCA
Seconded by: Mark-NØZOF



TREASURERS REPORT: Tony-WØPGL
Cash-$1,049.76 CD-$1,244.23
Total-$2,293.99
Motion to approve: Cliff-KØCA
Seconded by: J.D.-WØAJD

REPEATER REPORT: Tony-WØPGL & Fred-KBØWIL
The 146.625 repeater was hit by a lightning surge on (Friday) May 30th, 2008. Tony-WØPGL went to the repeater site and disconnected all the equipment. Fred-KBØWIL went to the site on (Sunday) 6-1-08 and had to reset the Arcom controller, checked all the settings, and then put it back in service. It is operating as intended at the moment. We still have the occasional cracking noise, when we have windy conditions. So, we still need to plan on having a tower climber check out the antenna in the near future. We are also experiencing. one or more, repeaters that are coming in on 625 when the band conditions are open, and breaking the squelch. It is rather annoying, and the only way I know to help alleviate it would be to install a sub audible tone. The 146.880 machine is still operating just fine, with no problems.

Field Day 2008: WØKEM June28th-29th (Saturday & Sunday)

We will be having Field Day in Huckleberry Park, Hannibal, MO. We discussed all the equipment that we will need to set up our stations. Set up time is 8:00 AM. We will be operating as 3A-Mo. Running (one) CW station and (two) SSB stations. The club purchased aluminum and fiberglass poles with hardware for setting up our wire antenna, and also (3) Toshiba laptop computers. The computers will work great with Trlog , which is what we will be using to log with. Howie-KØDFW and Fred-KBØWIL purchased the above items at the Dayton Hamfest this year.

We discussed inviting a law enforcement official. Fred-KBØWIL is going to contact Jimmy Shinn with the Marion County Sheriff Dept about attending. Fred is also going to contact the Hannibal Police Department in regards that we will be operating there all night long.

HARC Barbeque: August 2nd, 2008 (Saturday)

We are going to have our annual club barbeque in Huckleberry Park Pavilion, on Saturday August 2nd. Starting time is 5:00PM. Everyone is to bring a carry in dish of some sort, deserts, cakes, cookies, breads, salads, etc. The club will supply the Iced Tea, pork chops, hamburgers, hot dogs and buns. The barbeque is for club members and there guests only.

UPCOMING CLOSE BY HAMFESTS

St. Charles Hamfest: August 3rd, 2008 (Sunday)

Quincy Hamfest: August 9th, 2008 (Saturday)

Please plan on attending the hamfest in Quincy Illinois. It is a nice little event and they need our support.

Special Note: August 10th, 2008 (Sunday)

Carol-WA9EFV and Nancy his XYL are going to have their world famous get together at the Redneck Retreat near Barry Illinois. Lunch starts approximately at High Noon. Confederates and Rednecks are most welcome, he even accepts Yankees. Contact Carol-WA9EFV if you need more information, of course if you really want a good answer, you better ask Nancy…ha ha…

KØS Special Event Station:
August 21st- August 24th, 2008.

Contact J.D.-WØAJD if you wish to operate on the WW2 LST 325 Memorial Ship that is going to be docked here in Hannibal. We need CW and also SSB operators. J.D. is going to set up a schedule with all the operators names, because we will be limited to only one CW and one SSB operator in the radio control room at the same time.
J.D. phone: 573-221-2937 leave message
J.D. e mail: sinclair@rallstech.com

FLOOD WATCH ALERT: Tony-WØPGL was been informed that the local emergency services might need the local hams help in regards to monitoring the current levee conditions. The Mississippi River is expected to be at a very high level in the coming days and weeks. Please Contact Mark Carpenter-NØZOF if you are interested in helping.

HARC AUCTION: Howie-KØDFW as the head auctioneer, auctioned off some of the items that Lew-K4VX donated to the club. We auctioned the CD-Library for hams to Bill-N9UPG, the 2004 Operating Manual and 2004 ARRL Handbook to Scott-KDØDKE. We kept the General Class Handbook & General Class Q&A handbook to loan out to members to study with. Thanks again to Lew for the great donation to the club.
New HARC Member: We voted in Kyle-KDØEBL to the club, thanks for joining our club. Motion to approve: Cliff-KØCA Seconded by: Bill-N9UPG

50/50 Won by:

Larry –WA6JMR won the 50/50 and he donated it back to the club, thanks Larry the club appreciates it.

VE Testing: We will be having VE testing on July 9th, 2008 , our next club meeting. Contact Cliff-KØCA if you wish to take an exam.

Number of members present: 14
Number of guests: 2
Total in attendance: 16

Motion to adjourn meeting:
Motion made by: Carol-WA9EFV
Seconded by: Mark-NØZOF



SO THIS IS FIELD DAY!!

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK
BY HOWARD BARNES K0DFW
JULY, 2008

Well Field Day 2008, has come and gone and we did real well considering that the bands where in very poor condition with static noise from distant storms and poor propagation . We ran two SSB stations and one CW station. Our CW crew , consisting of K0CA Cliff and Jim N9JF and Jack WD9CHG did a excellent job of working CW with the poor conditions and racked up well over 1000 points . The 2 SSB stations racked up around 400 QSO's with Alaska, Hawaii and Canada being worked on 40 and 80 meters. With 20, 40 and 80 meters carrying the brunt of the load. I would like to make a point to talk about one of our new members that we have , Kyle Martin 17,

who worked 20 QSO's on his own for bonus points for the club with his own equipment consisting of a Yaseau 101 ee. It was a brand new rig still in its original box that was given to him and he broke it in the right way with Larry WB2UFO elmering him and coaching him on SSB operation. May I say Kyle has been bitten by the bug and is ready to tear up the bands. Way to go Kyle. Also I would like to point out another member that was tearing up the 40 meter band and that was Rich Enochs KB0MYB. Rich was being elmered by Bill WB0WNU and he was getting much needed air time with us "late crew" working the wee morning hours. I think they really started perking up when started working the Hawaiian stations. I was standing behind them and watching them and they where putting them in the log.

Our poles that we bought at Dayton for the club really worked out good and we ran the folded dipole antenna which the guys on 40 meters SSB said worked real well for them. We need to get some good guy ropes for them and I think they will be good for most any emergency that we may encounter. J.D. W0AJD made a suggestion that we buy a generator for the club and that is one project that we need to work at and raise some money to do this project. With our overall membership numbers down from what it was 6 years ago it is a little harder to come up with the money for major purchases and maintain enough reserve money to cover repairs for our 2 repeaters. We have had 2 lighting strikes on the 146.625 machine in a very short time and it is down at the present with another lighting stroke and the controller has been sent off to be repaired once again. But I do agree with J. D. That we need to get one for the club. We need to have a raffle or two and raise some money to buy one with.

I would also like to say a big thank you to Fred KB0WIL for the use of his generator and getting the gas and amongst all the other "junk" that the we need for Field Day. Fred is my right hand man, and he is also our repeater tech that spends a lot of time working on the repeaters. He gets all our reservations for our pavilions that we use for different functions and he takes care of a lot of paper work and do a lot of foot work for the club. On behalf of the club I would like to say a big Thank You to him for all his time. He also stores a lot of the club computers, radios and paper work at his house. It takes a lot of time loading and unloading this "stuff".

Another person that I would like to say thank you to is Cliff K0CA. He was my mainstay for the CW operations this time and he also chased a lot of numbers getting all of our totals together from field day and getting them turned into the ARRL. Plus he also ran down all the bonuses that we where trying to get for the club Field Day total. We made a lot of points doing different things to get the bonus points and that leads to another group of people that is one of "regulars" That is Larry WB2 UFO and Ann KB9BAL for their participation in Field Day . Larry and Ann live for Field Day and all their birds and dogs that come along with them as they camp on site at Field Day. They furnish the Solar Station so that we can accumulate bonus points for solar power operation. This is worth 100 points and it adds up real fast when we need them. They are true hams!

I can't enough about "all" that attended! Everyone that shows up makes Field Day because it is a "TEAM " effort. One end can't operate without the other end helping. Whatever you did, regardless how big or small, thanks! Because it all adds up and we need "TEAM" players pulling together for the cause. That is what a "Club " is about!!!

We have a HARC Bar B Que coming up on August 2 , 2008 at ,I think , at 6:00 p. m. With the club furnishing pork chops and hamburgers and hot dogs. We will have Tea and Water to drink. You need to bring a covered dish and your table setting. This is a casual get together and set around and chew the rag type function with Oral , Fred, Tony and myself cooking . This will take place at the Huckleberry Park where we had Field Day. Show up and have some fun and a great meal!!!!

We will have a special event on the LST 325 on the riverfront in Hannibal running the radio room on this World War all Landing ship that will be docked here in August. The HARC will man the radios and put her on the air. If you have any questions see J.D. W0AJD. He is the ramrod for this operation!

Have a Happy 4th of July and celebrate the reason for it. "FREEDOM"!!! May our nation be blessed by God Almighty and live on for years to come?

73s Howard K0DFW

Around the World



DX & Computer Horizons July 2008

by Cliff Ahrens K0CA

Although I should be talking about DX, my mind is on a different kind of operating – "CQ Field Day." Both the Hannibal W0KEM and Western Illinois W9AWE clubs will be practicing emergency preparedness and having fun in ARRL's Field Day, the most popular operating event of the year, on June 28 - 29. I hope each of you will stop by and help at one of the FD sites. There's plenty to do, including setup, operating, and visiting with your friends both eyeball and on the air. And don't forget to stick around to help tear down the FD site. Have a great Field Day.

Probably the best time to find DX on the bands next month is during the IARU HF World Championship contest July 12-13. There will be hundreds of countries on the air, looking for every QSO they can find. So jump in and work some great DX. For more information on this contest, see http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2008/iaru.html.
Now on to some DX news for July.

9A CROATIA. Jan PA4JJ, plans to operate as 9A/PA4JJ from June 22 - July 12. He will have a G5RV antenna and operate on a number of bands.

C9 MOZAMBIQUE. A group of 8 hams is planning a DXpedition to C9 Mozambique in July, with operations scheduled for July 16-30. They plan to have two stations on the air. For a list of operators and callsigns, check their web page at www.tdxs.net/C9.html.
They hope to be on all bands from 160 to 6 meters.

YN Nicaragua. Look for YN2KDJ to operate from YN2N from July 3-14, including operation during the IARU contest. QSL via W5KDJ.

XX9 Macau. A team of operators will sign XX9A during the IARU Contest July 12 – 13. QSL XX9A via BA4EG.

7X Algeria. A team of DXers plans to sign 7Y46ND from Algeria during the month of July. They plan to operate on 80-10 meters. QSL via 7X2DD.

HB0 LIECHTENSTEIN. Jan/DL7JAN and Mathew/DJ2HD will be operating using the callsigns HB0/homecall from July 15-19. They hope to be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home callsigns.

HR HONDURAS The Radio Club de Honduras DX Team will celebrate their 50th anniversary operating a special event station using the special callsign HQ50RCH from June 21 through July 31. For more information, see their Web page at: http://www.hr2rch.org.

There are several good online sources of near real-time DX spots. A good one with an automatic link to QRZ.com information is Ham Radio Deluxe DX Cluster http://dxcluster.ham-radio.ch/. You can select the type of spots you want to see by just clicking on one of the categories. The spots will display, and automatically refresh every 30 seconds. And by just clicking on either the call of the DX station or the spotter, the QRZ.com callbook information will pop up for that station.

Thanks to the ARRL DX Bulletin, the Daily DX and the Ohio/Penn DX bulletin for some of the information in this month's column. 73 and good DX, Cliff K0CA

HARC MONDAY NIGHT NET CALL LIST JULY 2008

7	KØDFW	HOWARD
14	N9UPG	BILL
21	KB9VIS	BRIAN
28	KBØWIL	FRED

Thanks to all of you who do this!!

WWII LST 325 SPECIAL EVENT - KØS



See the website for the story of this fantastic ship. http://www.lstmemorial.org/

The following is an email J.D. WØAJD received from the Chief operator of the LST325 ship. Perry W8AU

"We can support up to three simultaneous operations, but two at a time is easier to manage. We also have to consider that large tour groups will be viewing the radio room as they are escorted through the ship.

Let me describe the details that need to be addressed for a smooth operation such as this.
1. List all your operators that would like to participate.
a. Divide them into 2 or 3 persons for each "shift."
b. Shifts can be 4 hours or all day, depending on number of participants.
Ship hours are usually 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on tour stops.
c. We need CW operators (20 wpm and up). CW was the main WW2 mode.
We balance this with one operator on FONE and the other CW during a shift.
We can also use RTTY and other digital modes, if desired.
d. We can cover all ham bands from 160 thru 2 meters, CW/SSB/AM.
NOTE: Those that can operate using SEPARATE TX and RX (historic method) and want to operate the WW2 Navy equipment on CW or AM, are encouraged to do so. Old-Timers are familiar with this, but ANYONE who wishes to have a "vicarious" experience such as "re-enactors" do is welcome to do so. We will supply instruction to those who need it.
e. Be advised that non-ham operations such as MARS can be can be accommodated.
And if you have any former Merchant Marine Radio operators in the group, they can use Marine channels with our navy call NWVC.

2. Once the tour visit dates are established, prepare your operator schedules.
a. Operators need not supply anything. But if CW oprs feel more comfortable with a KEY of their own, they may bring it.
b. Submit your schedule to me AND Pete at least ONE week ahead of our departure time from Evansville, IN.
c. For local contacts, specify your local "watering hole" frequency(s) so we can have the appropriate gear ready. (typically today these are 2 meter FM simplex or repeaters.)
c. We will try to have Radio "visitor" badges at the gate for those participating.

While we know that "code-free" licensing has tipped the balance even more to 'phone operating, we have to emphasize that we are a MUSEUM ship, demonstrating the operating modes and skills of the 1941-1953 period (includes Korean war). We don't intend any discrimination against 'phone operators, but have to maintain at least a 50/50 balance when it comes to Radio Room operations.

We look forward to working with you, and enjoying your company.

Perry Ballinger W8AU

This ship will be docking on the Hannibal Riverfront sometime the last of August 2008, and we are planning a special event on the ship. This will be an exciting and interesting event. Probably, once in a lifetime experience. KØS will be our special event call sign. The ship will be on the Hannibal Riverfront, August 20th to the 26th. Our operation times will be at various schedules based on the volunteer operator availability. Plans are being made to get operators signed up.

If you want to assist, be sure to get hold of J.D., WØAJD, 573-221-2937 or sinclair@rallstech.com or, on the 625 machine to get your operation time listed. The radio operation equipment will be set up by the HARC of Hannibal,

MO. You can operate a few hours or possibly all day if you like. You do not have to be a member of the Hannibal Amateur Radio Club to schedule a listed time. However, you do have to be a current licensed Ham operator. You must be scheduled prior to the event to get free access to the ships radio room. There will only be 2-3 operators per shift allowed.

SPECIAL FIELD DAY REPORT

Since this issue is late, we will be able to report some from the past weekend successful 2008 Field Day In Huckleberry Park, Hannibal, MO.

Field Day Report 2008

We had a great time at Field Day this year. Thank you to all who participated. A special thank you to Cliff-KØCA who bought the pizzas for lunch on Saturday, to Ann-KB9BAL and Larry –WB2UFO for bringing the cookies, snacks and vegetables for us to snack on throughout the weekend. To Bonnie-WBØWAP, and J.D.-WØAJD for bringing the great biscuits from Hardees, and also the chips, water, and soda, To Mark-NØZOF for bringing the cooler of Gatorade. If I missed any one who brought food or drink, thank you as well. We had Kentucky Fried Chicken for supper Saturday night, which was very good. As you can tell, we didn't go hungry. The weather turned out great, a little rain on Sunday morning but it cleared off , by the time we tore everything down.

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Here is the list of members who participated :
Cliff-KØCA, Howie-KØDFW, J.D.-WØAJD, Bonnie-WBØWAP, Tony-WØPGL, Ann-KB9BAL, Larry-WB2UFO, Carol-WA9EFV, Mark-NØZOF, Larry-WA6JMR, Oral-KBØECF, Bill-WBØNWU, Cheri-KBØWVE, Ryan-WØRLR, Kyle-KDØEBL, Don-KCØRML, Rich-KCØMYB, Darrel-N9DT, Jim-N9JF, Jack-WD9CHG, Fred-KBØWIL.

Guests: Nancy Bartlett- Carol-WA9EFV xyl , smarter half & Cooney.
Jan Carpenter- Mark NØZOF xyl.
Karen- Darrel-N9DT xyl

Other guest's who stopped in to look around and ask question: 10

The antenna set up poles we purchased at Dayton this year worked great, the wire antenna that we mounted on them was a good antenna. All the computers, monitors and keyboards worked without any glitches. These Dayton Special computers worked out very well, and with the monitors and keyboards being donated , our logging worked out in very good fashion. Cliff-KØCA took care of all the logging , in regards to it being sent into the ARRL and uploading it to LOTW. Thank you Cliff for doing this for the club.

Thank you also, to all who brought there own equipment for the club to use: radios, coax, wire, antennas, etc. The club appreciates it very much. Fred's-KBØWIL generator worked with no problems at all.

Howie-KØDFW did a most excellent job this year, in running the show. Of course, he had a very good supporting staff helping out.

Fred KBØWIL…HARC Secretary

SEE NEXT MONTHS ISSUE FOR FINAL RESULTS.

PICTURES FOLLOWING:














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